

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 979.106

§ 979.87 Duration of immunities.

The benefits, privileges and immunities conferred upon any person by virtue of this subpart shall cease upon the termination of this subpart, except with respect to acts done under and during the existence of this subpart.

§ 979.88 Agents.

The Secretary may, by designation in writing, name any person, including any officer or employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to act as his agent or representative in connection with any of the provisions of this subpart.

§ 979.89 Derogation.

Nothing contained in this subpart is, or shall be construed to be, in derogation or in modification of the rights of the Secretary or of the United States to exercise any powers granted by the act or otherwise, or, in accordance with such powers, to act in the premises whenever such action is deemed advisable.

§ 979.90 Personal liability.

No member or alternate member of the committee nor any employee or agent thereof, shall be held personally responsible, either individually or jointly with others in any way whatever, to any handler or to any person for errors in judgment, mistakes or other acts, either of commission or omission, as such member, alternate, agent or employee, except for acts of dishonesty, willful misconduct or gross negligence.

§ 979.91 Separability.

If any provision of this subpart is declared invalid, or the applicability thereof to any person, circumstance, or thing is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this subpart, or the applicability thereof to any other person, circumstance, or thing, shall not be affected thereby.

§ 979.92 Amendments.

Amendments to this subpart may be proposed from time to time, by the committee or by the Secretary.

§ 979.93 Counterparts.

This agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts and when one counterpart is signed by the Secretary, all such counterparts shall constitute, when taken together, one and the same instrument as if all signatures were contained in one original.¹

§ 979.94 Additional parties.

After the effective date hereof, any handler may become a party to this agreement if a counterpart is executed by him and delivered to the Secretary. This agreement shall take effect as to such new contracting party at the time such counterpart is delivered to the Secretary, and the benefits, privileges, and immunities conferred by this agreement shall then be effective as to such new contracting party.¹

§ 979.95 Order with marketing agreement.

Each signatory handler hereby requests the Secretary to issue, pursuant to the act, an order providing for regulating the handling of melons in the same manner as is provided for in this agreement.¹

Subpart—Rules and Regulations

GENERAL PROCEDURES

§ 979.100 Order.

Order means Order No. 979 (§§ 979.1 to 979.92; 44 FR 22038) regulating the handling of melons grown in South Texas.

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§ 979.106 Registered handler.

For purposes of this part, a registered handler is a person who has adequate facilities for packing melons for market and who assumes initial responsibility for compliance with inspection, assessment, and other regulatory requirements on the handling of melons grown in the production area. Any person who wishes to become a registered handler shall make application for registration with the committee on forms furnished by the committee. If such applicant has facilities

¹Applicable only to the proposed marketing agreement.